



**Elliott Skatepark and Basketball Court  
Public Meeting #2  
September 22, 2005**

**Meeting Notes**

**Presenters:**

Kim Baldwin - Parks and Recreation LA/ Project Manager, discussed general project information.

Shwu-jen Hwang- Parks and Recreation Landscape Architect, discussed the site analysis and bubble diagram.

Micah Shipiro and Chris Hildebrand, Grindline Skateparks, presented a history of skateparks and held a workshop.

Public comments were heard and initial design plans discussed.

**Comments**

Add a bank along the west side of the street skate area

Use variety – like Burnham Academy

Question: Can the basketball backboards be reused from the Seattle Center site?  
Yes, we will salvage them for reuse.

Add objects to asphalt path

Add a unique feature -- create a signature feature specific to this park.

Add a water fountain

Super noisy site: makes you feel ill

Question: Is there information on fundraising that can be passed along to the community?  
Yes; this person will be contacted specifically. There is a lot of potential funding available.  
What's really needed is a person in the community who can be devoted to leading the charge.

Don't add features to future skate areas that won't be easy to remove later

Make sure the site meets the needs of children

An off-leash area should be considered at this site. It will bring another type of user to the site to help steward the site

Dogs and skateboarders don't mix

Consider another location for the basketball court, such as at 31 Flavors, across the street

80% of skaters are kids

Use as little grass as possible.

Like the simulated street area

Consider using alternative materials to skate on

Consider different shapes for the bowl

Put tile in the bowl

Consider different types of shade features

Security is a big issue

If there are not restrooms on site this is very gender biased

A phone line would be better than a 911 kiosk

Place trash cans by entry

Add more benches

Provide windbreaks and noise barriers

Provide a sign that shows where other parks are located in the vicinity

Consider pay toilets

Elliott Avenue is difficult to cross

Build a bridge across Elliott

This is a bad location for kids

These notes have been posted on the project web page:  
<http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/maintenance/EliottAveSkatePark.htm>